

In the Claims

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

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B1 2. The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein said circumference is visible as a solid line or a broken line or not visible.

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3. The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein said secondary content is one of the following: gradual, all or zone.

4. The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein the light within the circumference is of selectable and variable intensity.

5. The programmable apparatus of claim 1 wherein the area inside the circumference is a pre-selectable color.

7. A computer implemented process to accomplish display of secondary content upon activation by a spotlight cursor comprising:

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using a first program in the memory of a computer, performing the following steps;

determining whether or not the user has selected the spotlight cursor;

determining whether or not a radius has been selected;

obtaining the coordinates of the cursor;

calculating the location of a circumference;

determining whether the circumference has covered a secondary content;
causing a secondary content to be displayed;
using a second program in the memory of a computer, performing the following steps:

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displaying a menu;
determining whether or not secondary contents are to be displayed;
selecting the radius;
selecting intensity;
selecting color for area inside the circumference;
selecting color of the circumference;
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selecting configuration of the circumference; and
determining the definition of secondary content.

8. A method for creating a spotlight cursor for causing secondary content to be revealed comprising:

obtaining the coordinates of the cursor;
calculating the location of a circumference;
determining whether the circumference has covered a secondary content; and
responsive to a determination that the circumference has covered a secondary content,
causing a secondary content to be displayed.

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10. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of determining whether or not the radius has been selected.

11. A method comprising:

defining an peripheral area around a cursor; and

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displaying a secondary content associated with an item upon a determination that the peripheral area intersects the item.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein the peripheral area is a circle.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the intersection occurs on a graphical user interface.

14. The method of claim 11 wherein the cursor is a pointer.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein the secondary content is displayed without the cursor intersecting the item.

16. A program product comprising:

a computer readable medium;

wherein the computer usable medium comprises instructions comprising:

instructions for defining an peripheral area around a cursor; and

instructions for displaying a secondary content associated with an item upon a determination that the peripheral area intersects the item.

17. The program product of claim 16 wherein the peripheral area is a circle.

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18. The program product of claim 16 wherein the intersection occurs on a graphical user interface.

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19. The program product of claim 16 wherein the cursor is a pointer.

20. The program product of claim 16 wherein the secondary content is displayed without the cursor intersecting the item.
